supplementation/Complementation of States' Effort through Work Plan" including a programme of Integrated Development of Spices which includes vanilla. Under this programme, assistance is provided for production and distributionof quality planting material, large scale multiplication of planting material, field demonstration and training of farmers.

(c) No, Sir.

Talks for enhancing Indo-Pak Trade and Economic Cooperation

4360. DR. AKHILESH DAS:
SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the recent visit of the Indian delegation headed by the Union Minister of External Affairs, any talks for enhancing Indo-Pak trade and economic cooperation were held in Islamabad; and

(b) if so, the outcome thereof, indicating the agreement of understanding reached as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN) : (a) and (b) the issue of Indo-Pak trade and cooperation was discussed during the visit of Minister of External Affairs, Shri K. Natwar Singh to Pakistan from February 15-17, 2005. Both leaders stated that they looked forward to the first meeting of the Joint Study Group (JSG) on Trade and Economic Cooperation at the level of Commerce Secretaries. The meeting of the JSG took place on February 22-23, 2005 in New Delhi. the JSG constituted two Working/ Sub-Groups on Customs Cooperation & Trade Facilitations and Non Tariff Barriers. The Terms of References (TOR) for the Sub-Groups were mutually agreed upon. During the visit of Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf to India from April 16-18, 2005, Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh underlined the need to multiply beneficial linkages of trade and transit.